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Question#	Type of Question	Question	Answer	POC
1	Acquisition	What type of contract will this be – FFP, LOE, T&M, etc?	The answer to this question is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
2	Acquisition	Will you use a contract vehicle like NetCents or Millennia?	No.	Brian Dudek
3	Acquisition	When will the RFP be released and when will it be due?	It is anticipated to be released in the Fall or Winter 2007 timeframe.	Brian Dudek
4	Acquisition	Will this be full and open competition?	The answer to this question is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
5	Management	How will all the government partners work together? Who will control this process?	The Program Executive Officer and Program Manager will control the process. See Industry Day charts 25 (Governance), 26 (Requirements generation), and 29 (How requirements feed into the process).	Brian Dudek
6	Acquisition	Will there be a small business set aside for this IGC project? If so, how will this be managed?	The answer to this question is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
7	Acquisition	Will GTN and IDE be rolled under this procurement for sustainment and future development? Or, will they be kept with the current contractors?	IDE will be rolled under this procurement for sustainment. Some re-usable data warehouse components of GTN will be rolled under this procurement for sustainment. GTN legacy components will not.	Brian Dudek
8	Acquisition	Will the effort require a change management task?	It is anticipated that no change management task will be required.	Brian Dudek
9	Technical	You mentioned data sources and related the IGC effort to external systems to include ERPs. Would that potentially include the Air Force Expeditionary Combat Support Service (ECSS), DEAMS, GFEBS, etc? How are you going to interface with these systems?	The scope of IGC will be to interface with the systems required to shut down the legacy components of GTN utilizing IDE services for those interfaces. Other system interfaces are related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
10	Technical	With data coming from multiple systems, how are you going to enforce data standardization?	We are a read-only system. We do not enforce data standardization. We will provide the mechanism for people that do enforce standardization to know where the problems are. This will be accomplished through quantitative metrics associated with data profiling and capture of organized and understandable metadata. Today, there is no capability to this. Additionally, we will integrate data and provide messaging and meditation to create consistency across disparate systems where possible.	Brian Dudek

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11	Technical	What type of data will you collect? You mentioned Supply Chain and Distribution; this covers huge amounts of data.	Data for decision support across the USTRANSCOM and DLA landscape. The initial scope is the data from the systems required to retire legacy GTN components (the systems that feed GTN today). How new requirements are accomodated is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
12	Acquisition	Will IDE and GTN21 sustainment post 9/2008 be included in IGC or new contracts?	I assume you mean reusable GTN data warehouse components (as GTN21 does not exist). IDE will be rolled under this procurement for sustainment. Some re-usable data warehouse components of GTN will be rolled under this procurement for sustainment. GTN legacy components will not.	Brian Dudek
13	Technical	What are some of the tools used throughout the system lifecycle: i.e. requirements management, configuration management, system modeling, project management, architecting? What reference models have been used until today – DODAF, TOGAF, FEA, Zachman? All of the above?	Current tools used by GTN and IDE are Requisite Pro, Er-Win, and Microsoft Project. Architecture products are in accordance with the DODAF.	Brian Dudek
14	Technical	Will legacy modernization of source systems be in scope of initiative, such as service-enabling of web-enabling? What about systems outside the domain of DLA?	Not as part of the initial scope. How new requirements are accomodated is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
15	Technical	Will the Government define the type of interfaces (i.e. web services, batch, etc) between feeder systems and IDE or will the system integrator make those decisions? Or, will this be a joint Government-Contractor determination?	The answer to this question is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
16	Acquisition	Will P3I continue as a separate entity or will the P3I migrate to the winning team's scope?	The P3I components will migrate to this procurement. The legacy components will not.	Brian Dudek
17	Technical	Why is Informatica already chosen for metadata catalog and other uses?	To leverage existing investment and synchronize with other existing and future planned initiatives.	Brian Dudek
18	Technical	Is this AV RDE project the same as the IDE Ref Data Project?	No.	Brian Dudek
19	Technical	Part of the data challenge is the identification of the authorized system of record as the source of IGC data. Is the identification process complete or will be part of the IGC scope? Or, will it be done outside the IGC program?	Determinining genealogy of summarized data is the problem we will address. The system will provide access to both detail and summary data and capture genealogy and business rules via organized and understandable meta-data. This allows us to know what we are looking at and where it came from.	Brian Dudek

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20	Technical	Why asynchronous clients (BCS3)? Why are they exempt from GCSS-J?	The point of Industry Day chart #28 (GCSS-J) is to convey that IGC will utilize GCSS-J for single sign-on; and that IGC is capable of providing data asynchronously, if a requirement should arise to do so. BCS3 is just cited as an example to assist in the explanation.	Brian Dudek
21	Technical	How is this going to integrate with the Advanced Transportation for the 21st Century program (AT21)? How is this going to integrate with Common Operating Picture (Deployment & Distribution COP(D2) initiative?	A major goal of COP(D2) is to provide governance of several programs in an attempt to achieve single sign-on with GCSS-J. The IGC front-end application will be one of these programs utilizing GCSS-J for single-sign. AT21 will utilize IGC services for access to data from source systems; where appropriate.	Brian Dudek
22	Technical	Isn't this just an extension of IDE, which already exists, and is supposed to do all of this?	No. The current IDE program has no data warehouse, no front-end application, and no scope to provide distribution related functionality, or to sunset legacy GTN.	Brian Dudek
23	Technical	Is condition-based maintenance (National Automotive Center) participating in development of 'IT' solution requirement?	Condition-based maintenance is not part of the initial scope, throughout the life of the contract there will be new requirements; the mechanism for how new requirements are dealt with is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
24	Technical	What will the relationship be between the IGC contractor and the PMs for legacy feeder systems?	The IGC contractor will support the IGC Program Office.	Brian Dudek
25	Management	GCSS-AF data services is using the same technologies as GTN21/IDE.Are there any steps to share lessons learned and successes as well as a sharing of profiled and cleansed data between systems? Both are using Informatica and Teradata. This could result in a duplication of effort for both systems.	Yes. Lessons learned have been shared between the two programs. These have been incorporated inthe planning process.	Brian Dudek
26	Management	Who owns the GCSS-J portal? JFCOM?	The GCSS-J program is run by DISA and the functional proponent is the Joint Staff J4.	Brian Dudek
27	Technical	You described two data issues: disparate data and missing data; how does your IGC solution fix these two data issues?	Convergence allows for the shut-down of a system that was in, in large part, defined by organizational boundaries in favor of a consolidated DLA/USTRANSCOM infrastructure that will provide access to data from both commands. It eliminates the duplication of numerous redundant point-to-point interfaces and the different business rules associated with extract-transform-load (ETL) and integration of that data.	Brian Dudek

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28	Technical	To what extent, if at all, will Uniqe Identification (UID) capabilities be a part of the GTN/IDE convergence?	IGC is read-only. As source systems modernize and take advantage of UID, IGC will do the same.	Brian Dudek
29	Technical	Will the current COTS be re-competed?	The answer to this question is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
30	Technical	Will AV become redundant as IGC spirals evolve?	No. The Joint Functional Requirements Board (JFRB) will allocate requirements to AV and IGC to preclude this.	Brian Dudek
31	Technical	What type of search functions are sought for the portal (if this level of information has been decided)?	No. It has not been decided. Discovery services will be provided via the Net-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) program.	Brian Dudek
32	Management	Are the IDE and GTN currently running out of the Mechanicsburg DECC?	Most of the portions of the system that will be included in the scope of the contract are running out of the Mechanicsburg DECC. Other DECCs will be utilized for COOP.	Brian Dudek
33	Technical	Is there a plan for contract labor to scrutinize and fix "bad" or "flagged" data (i.e. metadata and or TCNs)?	Yes. As part of data profiling, there will be data cleansing required where correctable deficiencies are found. "Bad" data however, will also be kept (unlike today).	Brian Dudek
34	Technical	We're aware DAAS currently provides images of logistics transaction multiple times a day in support of the GTN mission. How does the IDE-GTN Convergence program play into this current DAAS process?	DAAS provides data to GTN, which is integrated with other data and then is actually sent back to DLA. IGC will reroute interfaces from source systems to DAAS to eliminate circular passing of data.	Brian Dudek
35	Technical	Since IDE is to be the Gateway for logistics data should GTN use IDE to query the DAASC Logistics Data Gateway (LDG) at the data element level versus sending millions of transactional images to the GTN. Thus, bandwidth could be conserved and queries would be more easily parsed into the GTN databases. Additionally, couldn't Oracle replication services be exercised in the LDG to push updated data element data to the GTN?	Where possible, yes. Oracle replication devices will be a component of IGC. IGC will not use IDE to query the LDG.	Brian Dudek
36	Technical	DAASC provides the DoDAAD updates to Air Force, Army and DSS through a materialized view. Wouldn't this type of a capability help the GTN maintain a more current DoDAAD?	Perhaps. But, we are replacing GTN with IGC.	Brian Dudek

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37	Technical	According to the DOD 4140.1R, (SuperReg) Section C8.6.1.1.8. "The DAASC is designated as the corporate community service provider for DLMS. In this capacity, the DAASC shall provide telecommunications support, archiving and storage, translation services, ASC X12/DLSS conversion processes, and other services to support DOD Component supply chain management systems and DLMS implementation." How does this regulation play into the future IDE-GTN Convergence?	DAASC continues that mission.	Brian Dudek
38		How does the new DOD Data Sharing Policy play into this project?	IGC will comply with mandatory policies.	Brian Dudek
39	Technical	How will IDE interact with the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center?	Throughout the life of the contract there will be new requirements; the mechanism for how new requirements are dealt with is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
40	Technical	There are several references in DOD 4140.1R pertinent to the DAASC and its support to DOD logistics. How does the IDE play into the DAASC mission or how does DAASC play into the IDE mission?	They are mutually supporting. The IDE adds net-centric capabilities tailored for decision support systems and business warehousing.	Brian Dudek
41	Technical	Will specific software solutions, COTS products, or architectures be required?	Refer to charts 32-46 of the Industry Day charts.	Brian Dudek
42	Technical	Please describe the end-state vision for use of GCSS-J capabilities to support IGC functionality.	IGC will utilize GCSS-J for single sign-on with other COP(D2) applications. GCSS-J will utilize IGC for access to data required for fulfilling its requirements.	Brian Dudek
43	Technical	Please define the boundaries of IGC functionality; that is, is the anticipated information limited to transactional data that flows across the DOD infrastructure or does it includes data at rest in service or DLA systems?	The scope of IGC will be to interface with the systems required to shut down the legacy components of GTN utilizing IDE services for those interfaces. Throughout the life of the contract there will be new requirements; the mechanism for how new requirements are dealt with is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek
44	Management	Can you generally describe the Government Furnished Equipment or Government Furnished Information that will be included as part of the IGC contract?	Yes. Refer to charts 32-46 of the Industry Day charts. Additionally, a Statement of Objectives (SOO) has been made available at the IGC website.	Brian Dudek

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45	Management	Where will the PMO be located and where will the contractor need to be located?	The IGC PM will reside at DLA Headquarters (Kingman Complex), but the Program Management Office will be a matrix organization of assets at both Scott AFB and DLA HQC. It is anticipated that the contractor will need to be located within 30 miles of Scott AFB, DLA HQC, or both.	Brian Dudek
46	Acquisition	Request the Government consider encouraging industry discussions with key DLA & USTC leadership for the IGC program. We perceive it is in the government's best interest to encourage competition beyond the current GTN & IDE primes. Central to encouraging/informing competition is enabling informal meetings between key government leaders and potential bidders. We request the opportunity to engage with key IGC government leaders until the RFP is released.	Our pre-solicitation conference will provide industry a chance to ask questions/provide input for the RFQ which will include the PWS. Prior to the release of the RFQ, there are a number of acquisition and specification issues that the Government needs to resolve. However, given the competitive nature of the acquisition, we will not be conducting any informal meetings or conversations with industry regarding our requirements or acquisition strategy.	Brian Dudek
47	Acquisition	Request you provide more definition with regard to how the system and process design lessons learned from (GTN P3I) spirals one, two and three will function to further define the scope of the RFP. In particular if spiral three is completed after the RFP is issued, how will the lessons learned be incorporated into the design system/process solution?	Details regarding lessons learned will be addressed during the pre-solicitation conference. At that time, firms will have an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments.	Brian Dudek
48	Acquisition	Will AV be subsumed by IGC?	Not as part of the initial scope. How new requirements are accomodated is related to contract strategy and will be addressed by content of the RFQ when it is released.	Brian Dudek